

My Dear Stephen -  
How dearly I would have you all  
to see you at home. Letter which  
came in yours was dated 18<sup>th</sup> June.  
Your letter short sweet

and unexplainable came with yes-  
terdays mail - and instead of  
taking the stipulated time for  
decyphering those Greek-Latin  
phrases. I send you by the first  
opportunity - a line - demanding  
an instant unravelling of the mystery  
at the peril of your reputation in  
this far famed land, how do I  
know how many black insults are  
thus unconsciously to me, coiled within  
those compounded - compounded  
words - I think a new branch must  
have been introduced into your class,  
incomprehensible to the Teacher even  
you doubtless thought - because  
I had a mixture of languages in

my school. I should be abl.  
to decypher ~~any~~ compound. But - be  
assured. I know no more of  
those languages now - than when  
I first entered School - They did not  
speak the pure dialect - and not  
knowing what they said when they  
gabbred among themselves - it ~~did~~  
gave me no more insight into their  
language - than it would to here a  
flock of black birds - Yet it was  
quite amusing - and rather ludri-  
cous sometimes to here them pronoun  
many of our English words - My  
dignity came near to having a  
serious fall a good many times -  
You doubtless know ere this  
that I have been transformed  
from a School Mamm, to a house  
wife - Not such a one as the  
soldiers carry their needles & thread

in however - but as the word  
is generally interpreted - Dont know  
as you cared about having your num-  
ber of uncles increased - However  
I didn't think to consult you until  
it was too late - So you must not  
grumble now. I think you will  
like him. Yolo - Our tastes -  
being in the same family ought  
not to be very dissimilar - I  
hope to make money enough to  
come home and live comfort-  
ably in a few yearz - And then I  
will give you an opportunity - of  
forming Uncle Alvin's acquaintance  
Where will you be then - If living  
enjoying the golden privileges of a  
finished education - or if visir  
deemed, struggling manfully in  
the busy world for that field of  
usefulness, that shall develope

Your character - more symmet-  
rally - more perfectly - more  
divinely perhaps than the  
influence of College associations  
could or rather would - If  
you wish to accomplish any thing  
for yourself or others - Start with  
a firm - unwavering - determined  
single purposed will - which  
nothing can turn from the right

My present home is very pleasant  
on the banks of the Las - Rio - It's  
as warm and sunny here in Feb  
as our beautiful October days last  
A beautiful spray of blossoms  
from the Pear tree were given me  
a few days since - I cannot realize  
its winter - we have had scarcely  
any rain this season - It's unusually  
warm & dry & pleasant - I have  
not heard from the boys since  
I was married. Have written but  
they're too busy to care for me now.  
Another has taken charge of me - Was  
very glad to learn you was at Andover  
write me more minutely concerning